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SCHOOL LAWS

ENROLLED.

House Joint Resolution No. 2.

By Milburn, Killam and Coyne of the House and Franklin of the Senate.

A Resolution Authorizing the Submission of a Proposed Amendment to the Constitution to the People for Their Approval or Rejection; Said Proposed Amendment Providing for the Levying of a Tax for the Benefit of the Common Schools and the Distribution Thereof.

Be it Resolved by the House of Representatives and the Senate of the State of Oklahoma:

The following proposed amendment to the Constitution of the State of Oklahoma shall be referred to the people for their ratification or rejection at the general election to be held in the year 1912. Said proposed amendment shall be submitted under Article 5 and 24 of the Constitution and under the provisions of Article 1 of Chapter 44 of the Session Laws of Oklahoma, 1907-08, to be known, if adopted or approved by a majority of votes cast at such election, as Section 31, Article 10, of the Constitution.

Section 31. The Legislature shall have power to levy taxes in the aid of the common schools of the state and to provide for the apportionment and distribution thereof. Whenever the amount realized from a five mill ad valorem levy and all other sources shall be insufficient to maintain the common schools in any district five months in any year the remaiing sum necessary to so maintain such school shall be apportioned and paid out of such state levy.

Said proposed amendment shall be submitted in the following form:

Shall the Proposed amendment be adopted?

Yes

No

Said proposed amendment to the Constitution of the State of Oklahoma, shall, upon receiving a majority of all electors voting at said election, voting in favor of said amendment, be adopted and shall constitute a new section to be known as Secton 31, of Artcle 10.

Passed the House of Representatives January 23, 1911.

W. A. DURANT,
Speaker of the House of Representatives.

Passed the Senate the 11th day of March, 1911.

J. ELMER THOMAS,
President Pro Tempore of the Senate.

Approved March Sixteenth, 1911.

LEE CRUCE,
Governor of the State of Oklahoma.

W. H. NEW,
Chairman Committee on Enrollment.

ENROLLED.

House Bill No. 85.

By Logan.

AN ACT

To Give to Commercial Clubs, Chambers of Commerce, or Other Similar Organizations, a Right to Lease and Purchase State Lands From the Commissioners of the Land Office and Declaring an Emergency.

Be it Enacted by the People of the State of Oklahoma:

Section 1. That any Commercial Club, Chamber of Commerce, or other similar organization, incorporated under the laws of the State of Oklahoma, of any city, town or village of the State of Oklahoma, shall be permitted to lease or purchase land from the Commissioners of the Land Office of the State of Oklahoma, under the same rules and regulations as other lesses or purchasers of state land; Provided, that said land so leased or purchased must be located within one mile of the corporate limits of said city, town or village. Provided, that not more than three hundred and twenty acres of said land shall be leased or sold to such organization in any city, town or village.

Section 2. For the preservation of the public peace, health and safety, an emergency is hereby declared to exist, by reason whereof this act shall take effect and be in full force from and after its passage and approval.

Passed the House of Representatives this 24th day of February, 1911.

W. A. DURANT,
Speaker of the House of Representatives.

Passed the Senate this the 4th day of March, 1911.

J. J. McALESTER,
President of the Senate.

Approved March Sixth, 1911.

LEE CRUCE,
Governor of the State of Oklahoma.

W. T. CLARK,
Acting Chairman of Committee on Enrollment.

ENROLLED.

House Bill No. 86.

By Logan.

AN ACT

To Give Any Purchaser of School Land Situated Within One Mile of the Corporate Limits of Any City, Town or Village in the State of Oklahoma, the Privilege of Paying All Deferred Payments on Said Land at Any Time After the Purchase Thereof and Repealing All Acts in Conflict Herewith.

Be it Enacted by the People of the State of Oklahoma:

Section 1. The purchaser of any school land, sold by the Commissioners of the Land office of the State of Oklahoma, situated within one mile of the corporate limits of any city, town or village in the State of Oklahoma, shall have the privilege at the time of the purchase, or at any time thereafter, to pay any or all deferred payments, both principal and accrued interest to the Commissioner of the Land Office of the State of Oklahoma, and upon such payment being made the patent for said land shall be issued to the purchaser or his assigns by the Commissioner of the Land Office of the State of Oklahoma, as provided by law.

Section 2. All acts and parts of acts in conflict herewith, are hereby repealed.

Passed the House of Representatives, this the 24th day of February, 1911.

W. A. DURANT,
Speaker of the House of Representatives.

Passed the Senate this the 4th day of March, 1911.

J. ELMER THOMAS,
President Pro Tempore of the Senate.

Approved March Sixth, 1911.

LEE CRUCE,
Governor of the State of Oklahoma.

W. T. CLARK,
Acting Chairman of Committee on Enrollment.

ENROLLED.

House Bill No. 95.

By Coffey of the Senate and Woodson of the House.

AN ACT

Setting Aside and Creating a Fund to be Known as Consolidated School District Fund, for a Specified Use, All the Lands, and Funds Derived from the Sale Thereof, Embraced in Section 33, and Lands Selected in Lieu Thereof, Located in Greer County, as the County Existed Prior to Statehood, Together With the Proceeds of All Incomes Derived, or That May Accrue Therefrom Making Provisions for the Sale of Said Land.

Be it Enacted by the People of the State of Oklahoma:

Section 1. All the lands and funds that have heretofore been or may hereafter be derived from the sale thereof, embraced in Section 33 according to the United States survey, located in Greer county, as the county existed prior to November 16th, 1907, together with all lands selected in lieu

thereof, and the proceeds of all rentals, interests and sales accrued, or that may accrue therefrom, shall be set aside and credited to a fund which is hereby created, to be known as the "Union Graded or Consolidated School District Fund." the same to be used only to assist in constructing or paying for school buildings or consolidated school districts that have been or may hereafter be contructed under existing laws pertaining to consolidated school districts.

Section 2. The Commissioners of the Land Office are authorized and directed to sell and convey the lands described and set aside in Section 1 of this Act; same to be sold under the provisions, limitations, exceptions, rules and regulations of lands sold under amended Senate Bill No. 1, approved March 2nd, 1909, the same being Article 2 of Chapter 28 of the Session Laws of Oklahoma, 1909, or as may be hereafter provided by law.

Section 3. Such funds as have now accrued by virtue of rentals, and such as may hereafter accrue by virtue of rentals, and the proceeds of sale and interest thereon, prior to January 1st, 1913, are hereby appropriated and placed at the disposal of the State Board of Education, subject to the conditions and limitations contained in this Act.

Section 4. The State Board of Education in apportioning said fund shall make such rules and regulations as shall ultimately result in a fair and equitable distribution of said fund to the different counties of the state, in proportion as nearly as may be possible to the scholastic population outside of cities of the first class.

Section 5. In any union graded or consolidated school district that has been formed for a term of not less than six scholastic months, and has employed at least three teachers, and has an actual attendance during the said term of not fewer than one hundred thirty scholastic pupils residing within the boundary of said district, (the district having furnished free transportation to such as are contemplated by the law provided for consolidated school districts), and that has already constructed and furnished a suitable building of not fewer than three rooms, upon making proof of compliance with the foregoing provisions approved by the State Superintendent of Public Instruction, shall have drawn by the State Auditor upon the State Treasury against said building fund in favor of the treasurer of said consolidated school district, a warrant for a sum not to exceed one-half the cost of said building. Provided, that in no case shall any district receive a sum exceeding twenty-five hundred ($2,500.00) dollars, from the appropriation herein made; provided, that the State Board of Education may decrease this amount if in its judgment the amount is greater than a fair proportion belonging to one district.

Section 6. Whenever a school district of not less than twenty-five (25) square miles in area shall have been established and conducted for a period of not less than six months under the terms of existing laws with reference to the consolidation of schools, and a building containing not fewer than three rooms, suitably constructed, equipped and furnished shall have been built, and a graded school employing not less than three teachers shall have been conducted for a

term of not less than six months, upon making proof of compliance with the foregoing provisions approved by the State Superintendent of Public Instruction shall have drawn a warrant in favor of the district treasurer as provided in Section 5 of this act.

Passed the House of Representatives this the 28th day of February, 1911.

W. A. DURANT,
Speaker of the House of Representatives.

Passed the Senate this the 11th day of March, 1911.

J. ELMER THOMAS,
President Pro Tempore of the Senate.

Approved March Twentieth, 1911.

LEE CRUCE,
Governor of the State of Oklahoma.

ENROLLED.

House Bill No.108.

By Barrett and Akin. AN ACT

Providing for the Attendance of School Children in Districts Other than the Districts in Which They Reside:

Be it Enacted by the People of the State of Oklahoma:

Section 1. The county superintendent of any county in this state, may when in his judgment the best interests of the schools will not be adversely affected. and when requested by the parents or guardian, permit children living in any school district in this state at a distance of two miles or more from the school house at the home district, to attend school in another district, by giving notice in writing, to the school boards of the two school ditsricts affected, at least two months before beginning of school in either district. When the county superintendent authorizes such transfer of children from one district to another, he shall tranfer the state, county, and school district funds for such children from the district in which they reside to the district in which they attend school. Provided that any child, prepared to enter a grade higher than is offered by the home district, shall be entitled, on written request of the parent, to transfer in the same manner as described in this act, to a district, town or city school offering such higher grade of work.

Section 2. After having given notice of the proposed change of districts, the parents and children shall be bound for the school year unless released by act of the majority of the school board of each district affected. The children shall be governed by the regulations, rules and the compulsory school law of the district in which they have chosen to attend school.

Section 3. Renters and others who come into a school district after the school term has begun may make a choice of schools under the above regulations by giving notice as soon as a residence has been established, and their children shall be enumerated for that year by the school board for the district in which they shall attend school.

Passed the House of Representatives, this the 6th day of February, 1911.

W. A. DURANT,
Speaker of the House of Representatives.
Passed the Senate, this the 11th day of March, 1911.
J. ELMER THOMAS,
President Pro Tempore of the Senate.
Approved March Sixteenth, 1911.
LEE CRUCE,
Governor of the State of Oklahoma.
W. H. NEW,
Chairman Committee on Enrollment.

ENROLLED.

House Bill No. 145.

By Steen and Jayne of the House and Graham of the Senate.

AN ACT

Directing County Superintendents of Public Instruction to Employ the Teachers for the Separate or Minority Schools in Their Respective Counties, Empowering Them to Prescribe Rules and Regulations for the Government of Such Schools, Repealing All Laws in Conflict Herewith, and Declaring an Emergency.

Be it Enacted by the People of the State of Oklahoma:

Section 1. It shall hereafter be the duty of all County Superintendents of Public Instruction to contract with and employ all the teachers for the separate, or minority schools now maintained or hereafter to be established in their respective counties; said teachers before being so employed shall possess all the qualifications which are now required by law, and shall be paid in the same manner as is now provided by law.

Section 2. The County Superintendent of Public Instruction shall have the power to prescribe rules and regulations for the government of said separate or minority schools.

Section 3. An emergency is hereby declared to exist by reason whereof it is necessary for the immediate preservation of the public health and safety that this act take effect and be in force from and after its passage and approval.

Passed the House of Representatives the 15th day of February, 1911.

W. A. DURANT,
Speaker of the House of Representatives.
Passed the Senate the 11th day of March, 1911.
J. ELMER THOMAS,
President Pro Tempore of the Senate.
Approved March Sixteenth, 1911.
LEE CRUCE,
Governor of the State of Oklahoma.
W. H. NEW,
Chairman Committee on Enrollment.

ENROLLED.

House Bill No. 396.

By Wright, Fuller and Jackson.

AN ACT

Requiring Treasurers of Cities, Towns, Villages, Treasurers of

Boards of Education of Cities, Township Treasurer and School District Treasurer, to Deposit All Money Belonging to Such City, Town, Village, Board of Education of Cities, Township and School District Funds, in Banks Paying 3 Per Cent Interest on Daily Balances, Fixing Penalty for Violation Thereof, and Declaring an Emergency.

Be it Enacted by the People of the State of Oklahoma:

Section 1. No Treasurer of any city, town, or village, Treasurer of the Board of Education of any City, Township Treasurer, nor School District Treasurer in this state, shall deposit any of the money belonging to such city, town, village, the Board of Education of such city, Township Treasurer or School District Treasurer, in any bank which will not pay for such money not less than three per cent interest on the average daily balances of all such money in said bank; provided such interest shall become a part of the funds on deposit.

Section 2. Any such Treasurer who violates Section 1 of this act shall be guilty of malfeasance in office and shall be subject to removal from office.

Section 3. An emergency is hereby declared to exist for the immediate preservation of the public peace and safety, by reason whereof this act shall be in force and effect from and after its passage and approval.

Passed the House of Representatives this the 24th day of February, 1911.

W. A. DURANT,
Speaker of the House of Representatives.

Passed the Senate this the 9th day of March, 1911.

J. ELMER THOMAS,
President Pro Tempore of the Senate.

Approved March Eleventh, 1911.

LEE CRUCE,
Governor of the State of Oklahoma.

W. H. NEW,
Chairman Committee on Enrollment.

SENATE BILL NO. 62.

By Coffey of the Senate and Logan and McClintic of the House

A BILL

Entitled An Act Providing for the Sale of Such School Lands as May Be Needed for Sites for School Houses, and Declaring an Emergency.

Be it Enacted by the People of the State of Oklahoma:

Section 1. Upon application of any regularly organized School District Board to the Commissioners of the Land Office, wherein it is made to appear that it is necessary to locate a site for a public school house on any of the Public School Land or State Lands, the Commissioners of the Land Office are hereby authorized and directed to have, or cause to have, such public building site surveyed, said site to not embrace more than four acres of land, and said Commissioner shall cause said site, so located and surveyed, to be appraised as provided by law. and when said School District Board shall have filed with said Commissioners of the Land Office a relinquishment of the preference right and interest held therein by the lessee of said site so located and surveyed, or when said

School District Board shall have condemned the preference right and interest of said lessee in said site, express authority being herein granted to such School District Board to so condemn such lessee's interest in any such land for the purposes herein mentioned under the condemnation procedure now applicable to railroads, and shall have filed with said Commissioners of the Land Office the final judgment of the court, thereupon said Commissioners of the Land Office shall, upon the payment to the state of the appraised value of said site and tract, so located and surveyed, make, execute and deliver to said School District Board a patent to said tract, as provided by law.

Section 2. The money arising from the sale of public school land, as provided in Section 1 of this Act, shall be appropriated and used in the same manner and for the same purposes as money arising from the sale of other public school lands of the state, or as money arising from the leasing of public school lands.

Section 3. An emergency is hereby declared to exist for the preservation of the public peace, health and safety, wherefore this Act shall take effect and be in force from and after its passage and approval.

Passed the Senate February 23rd, 1911.

J. ELMER THOMAS,
President Pro Tempore of the Senate.

Passed the House of Representatives March 11th, 1911.

W. A. DURANT,
Speaker of the House of Representatives.

Approved March Twentieth, 1911.

LEE CRUCE,
Governor of the State of Oklahoma.

Examined and found correctly enrolled.

R. P. WYNNE.

SENATE BILL NO. 85.

By Graham of the Senate and Woodson of the House.

A BILL

Entitled An Act Giving the County Superintendents of the State of Oklahoma a Right to Employ One Assistant; Allowing Them Their Necessary and Actual Expenses Incurred While Inspecting the Schools of the County Once Each Year, and Declaring an Emergency.

Be it Enacted by the People of the State of Oklahoma:

Section 1. That each County Superintendent of this state shall have the right to employ an assistant or clerk who shall receive the sum of fifty dollars ($50.00) per month; said salary to be paid monthly by the Board of County Commissioners.

Section 2. That each County Superintendent of this state shall be allowed all actual and necessary traveling expenses while away from home inspecting the schools of the county; Provided, no expense shall accrue for the inspection of a school more than once annually.

Section 3. An emergency is hereby declared, by reason whereof it is necesary for the immediate preservation of the public peace, health and safety that this Act take effect and be in force from and after its pasasge and approval.

Passed by the Senate March 8th, 1911.

J. ELMER THOMAS,

President Pro Tempore of the Senate

Passed by the House of Representatives March 11th, 1911.

W. A. DURANT,

Speaker of the House of Representatives.

Approved March Twenty-fourth, 1911.

LEE CRUCE,

Governor of the State of Oklahoma.

Examined and found correctly enrolled.

R. P. WYNNE.

SENATE BILL NO. 100.

By Jones.

AN ACT

Relating to the Issuance of Warrants and Certificates of Indebtedness; Providing Manner and Limit of Issuance of Any Municipality; Method of Registration and Payment; Providing Penalties for Issuing Warrants, Evidences of Certificates of Indebtedness in Any Form in Excess of the Estimate Made and Approved for the Fiscal Year or Authorized by a Bond Issue, and Repealing All Acts in Conflict Herewith.

Be it Enacted by the People of the State of Oklahoma:

Section 1. All public funds of any county or of any subdivision thereof shall be disbursed only in the payment of legal warrants, bonds and interest coupons.

Section 2. It is hereby made the duty of every officer authorized to allow, issue, draw or attest any warrant or certificate of indebtedness against the public funds of any county, city, town, township, board of education, school district or any other subdivision of the county; to issue, drawn and record all warrants, bonds, and interest coupons, in the numerical order issued on each fund, beginning with number one and issuing the same consecutively during the fiscal year. At the beginning of each fiscal year a new series shall be commenced, and said series shall be designated by writing the fiscal year on the warrant or certificate of indebtedness for which the levy to pay the same has been made.

Section 3. The term "estimate made and approved" as used herein, is defined to mean the itemized statement of the estimated needs of municipality for its current expenses for the ensuing fiscal year, as approved and fixed by the excise board or by vote of the municipality, adding thereto the amount necessary to create a sinking fund to meet maturing bonds, judgments and interest coupons, but the amount or limit to which warrants and certificates of indebtedness may be issued, shall not include the ten per cent to be added to the estimate for delinquent taxes.

Section 4. Each and every warrant or certificate of indebtedness must be drawn against a specific fund, and there shall be shown on such warrant, or certificate of indebtedness, by the officer or person issuing, drawing or attesting the same, the amount of the estimate made and approved by such purpose for the fiscal year or the specific amount authorized by a bond issue for said purpose; the amount of warrants or cer-

tificates of indebtedness issued or drawn against said fund and the net balance to the credit of said fund. As soon as said warrant, certificate of indebtedness, or bond is issued, the same shall be at once signed and attested and forthwith delivered by the officer attesting the same, to the treasurer of the county or subdivision thereof, issuing the same for registration.

Section 5. It is hereby made the duty of the treasurer of the county, or the treasurer of any subdivision thereof, to whom a warrant, certificate of indebtedness or bond is directed for payment, to register the same in a book to be kept for that purpose by entering therein the number, the date, the name of the payee, the fund upon which it is drawn and the amount, and by writing in the warrant or evidence of indebtness, the date of registration, his name and official title. All warrants, certificates of indebtedness or bonds shall be registered in the same numerical order in which they have been issued, and when so registered shall be returned to the officer attesting the same. No warrant, certificate of indebtedness or bond shall be a valid charge until registered by the treasurer of the municipality issuing the same. Warrants and all evidences of indebtedness shall bear interest at the legal rate from and after its registration by the treasurer, unless there is cash on hand to pay the same when presented for registration and then the treasurer shall make the same "payable" after registering the same, and no interest shall be computed or allowed thereon when paid. When the treasurer has money on hand to pay warrants duly registered, he shall publish notice thereof in one issue of a newspaper, or by posting five notices in public places, and interest shall cease on said warrants after thirty days from the date of said publication or posting of said notices.

Section 6. Warrants and certificates of indebtedness may be issued to the amount of the estimate made and approved by the excise board for the current fiscal year or to the amount authorized for such purpose by a bond issue.

Section 7. It shall be unlawful for any officer to issue, approve, sign, attest or register any warrant or certificate of indebtedness in any form in excess of the estimate of expenses made and approved for the current fiscal year or authorized for such a purpose by a bond issue, and any such warrant or certificate of indebtedness issued, approved, attested or registered in excess of the estimate made and approved or authorized by a bond issue, shall not be a charge against the municipality upon which it is issued, but may be collected by civil action from any officer issuing, drawing, approving, signing, attesting, resistering or paying the same, or from either or all of them or from their bondsmen.

Section 8. Any treasurer who shall register or pay a warrant, or certificate of indebtedness, issued in excess of the estimate made and approved by the excise board for the current fiscal year, or in excess of a bond issue for such purpose, shall be guilty of a misdemeanor.

Section 9. It shall be unlawful for the Board of County Commissioners, the city council or the commissioners of any city, the trustees of any town, board of education, township board, school district board of any member or members of the

aforesaid commissioners, or of any of the above named boards, to make any contract for, incur, acknowledge, approve, allow or authorize any indebtedness against their respective municipality or authorize it to be done by others, in excess of the estimate made and approved by the excise board for such purpose for such current fiscal year, or in excess of the specific amount authorized for such purpose by a bond issue. Any such indebtedness, contracts, incurred, acknowledged, approved, allowed or authorized in excess of the estimate made and approved for such purpose for such current fiscal year or in excess of the specific amount authorized for such purpose by a bond issue, shall not be a charge against the municipality whose officer or officers contracted, incurred, acknowledged, approved, allowed or authorized or attested the evidence of said indebtedness, but may be collected by civil action from any official contracting, incurring, acknowledging, approving or authorizing or attesting such indebtedness, or from his bondsmen.

Section 10. Any officer contracting, incurring, acknowledging, authorizing, allowing or approving any indebtedness, or any officer issuing, drawing, or attesting any warrant or certificate of idebtedness in excess of the estimate made and approved by the excise board for such purpose for such current fiscal year or in excess of the specific amount authorized for such purpose by a bond issue, or who violates any other provision of this Act, shall be deemed guilty of a misdemeanor, and upon conviction shall be fined not less than one hundred dollars or more than one thousand dollars, and shall forfeit and be removed from his office.

Section 11. All acts or parts of acts in conflict herewith are hereby repealed to the extent of such conflict.

Passed by the Senate February 20, 1911.

J. ELMER THOMAS,
President Pro Tempore of the Senate.

Passed by the House of Representatives March 11, 1911.

W. A. DURANT,
Speaker of the House of Representatives.

Aproved March Fifteenth, 1911.

LEE CRUCE,
Governor of the State of Oklahoma.

Correctly enrolled.

R. P. WYNNE.

SENATE BILL NO. 132.

As Amended by Conference Committee.

By Wynne, Coffey and Williams of te Senate, and Barrett, Akin, Logan, Durant, Davison, Clark (of Grant) and Williams (of Comanche) of the House.

A BILL

Entitled An Act to Provide for a State Board of Education, Prescribing Its Powers and Duties and Declaring an Emergency.

Be it Enacted by the People of the State of Oklahoma:

Section 1. The State Board of Education shall consist of seven members including the State Superintendent of Public Instruction, who shall be the President, and six members ap-

pointed by the Governor and with the advice and consent of the Senate, for a period of six years, except as hereinafter provided. The appointive members shall possess the same qualifications and be subject to the same restrictions and limitations as are now required of the Text Book Commission, and at least two of them shall be practical school men who shall have had at least four years experience in actual school work, two years of which shall have been in the State of Oklahoma. Upon the passage and approval of this Act two members shall be appointed for a term ending June 30th, 1913, two members for a term ending June 30, 1915, and two members for a term ending June 30, 1917, subsequent appointments, except to fill vacancies, shall be for the full term of six years.

The appointive members of said board shall receive as compensation for their services the sum of six ($6.00) dollars per day, their necessary traveling expenses, and actual hotel expenses not to exceed three ($3.00) dollars per day, while in the performance of their duties and they shall not be removed during their term of office except for cause.

There shall be appointed by the President to be approved by said board, a secretary, who shall receive a salary of two thousand dollars per annum, and a stenographer who shall receive salary of twelve hundred dollars per annum, payable monthly and said positions are hereby created.

Section 2. The State Board of Education, organized in pursuance of this Act, shall be the legal successor of the State Board of Education as it now exists, the State Text Book Commission, the Board of Regents of the State University, the Board of Regents of the University Preparatory Schools at Tonkawa and Claremore, the Board of Education now in control of the State Normal Schools, the Board of Regents of the Oklahoma Industrial Institute and College for Girls at Chickasha, the Board of Regents of the School of Mines and Metallurgy at Wilburton, the Board of Control of the School for the Deaf at Sulphur, the Board of Control for the School for the Blind, the Board of Control of the Boys' Training School at Pauls Valley, the Board of Control of the Orphans' Home at Pryor Creek, the Board of Control of the Institution for the Feeble Minded at Enid, the Board of Regents of the Colored Agricultural and Normal University at Langston, the Board of Regents of the Institute for the Deaf, Blind and Orphans Home for the Colored at Taft, and shall have all the powers, rights and privileges heretofore legally exercised by said Boards; Provided, nothing in this Act shall invalidate any contracts entered into by the Text Book Commission. Said Board shall have the following additional powers and duties:

a. The general supervision of the public schools of the state.

b. To formulate and adopt courses of study for the common schools and county normal institutes, and arrange courses of study and adopt text books for use in the higher educational institutions of the state.

c. To formulate rules and regulations governing the issuance of all certificates to teach in the public schools of this state.

d. To prepare questions for the examination of applicants

for county and city certificates to teach in the public schools of the state.

e. To examine applicants for state certificates, to teach in the public schools of the state, and for conductors' and instructors' certificates to teach in the county normal institutes.

f. To prepare examination questions for graduates from the eighth grade of the public schools.

g. To classify the public high schools of the state and properly accredit them to the various higher educational institutions of the state.

h. To formulate and adopt courses of study for state pupils' reading circles, and for state teachers' reading circles, and to select books to be used in said reading circles, and to prepare questions for the issuance of reading circle certificates.

i. The State Board of Education shall make a biennial report to the Governor and Legislature, setting forth the work of the board and the condition of the schools of the state. The board shall also prepare and submit to the Governor thirty days before the convening of each regular session of the Legislature a budget estimating the necessary appropriations for each of the institutions under their management and control.

j. Upon application having been made in writing by the organization representing the commercial and business colleges and institutions in this state, it shall be the duty of said board to formulate rules and regulations which shall govern the organization, operation, management and control of said commercial and business colleges; the authority herein granted is in addition to that above stated to extend to the formulation and adoption of courses of studies, the length of time necessary to complete same, and rules and regulations governing the issuance of diplomas by said commercial colleges.

Section 3. For the preservation of the public health and safety an emergency is hereby declared to exist, by reason whereof it is necessary that this Act take effect and be in force from and after its passage and approval.

Passed by the Senate March 3rd, 1911.

J. ELMER THOMAS,
President Pro Tempore of the Senate.

Passed by the House of Representatives March 6, 1911.

W. A. DURANT,
Speaker of the House of Representatives.

Approved March Sixth, 1911.

LEE CRUCE,
Governor of the State of Oklahoma.

Examined and found correctly enrolled.

GEO. A. COFFEY,
Chairman.

ENROLLED.

Senate Bill No. 139.

By Wynne of the Senate and Akin of the House

A BILL

Entitled an Act Empowering the State Superintendent to Ap-

point a State Inspector of Schools; and Fixing His Duties and Salary.

Be it Enacted by the People of the State of Oklahoma:

Section 1. The State Superintendent may appoint a State School Inspector, who shall visit and inspect the city, town and rural schools of the State, and aid in giving information and assistance in the organization and maintenance thereof. This Inspector shall assist the State Superintendent in preparing such special reports to the Governor, Legislature and State Board of Education bearing upon the condition and needs of the city, town and rural schools of the State as may be advisable. It shall also be the duty of this Inspector to confer with each city and county superintendent concerning the condition and needs of the schools in his city or county, to consult with school officers, patrons and teachers in regard to school management, discipline, branches of study, school law and school sanitation, and by public lectures, conferences and meetings endeavor to arouse an intelligent interest in industrial and agricultural education, as well as in the routine work of the schools. He shall investigate and report to the Superintendent plans for a better and more economical organization of the state school system, and more perfect articulation thereof. He shall, as far as practicable, encourage and assist in the organization and establishment of consolidated rural schools and rural high schools.

Section 2. The Inspector, provided for by this Act, shall work under the direction of the State Superintendent, and shall report to him as often as may be necessary concerning the condition of the schools inspected by him in the discharge of his duties. When the schools are not in session, said Inspector shall be assigned to other duties by the State Superintendent.

Section 3. The State School Inspector shall receve an annual salary of eighteen hundred dollars ($1,800.00), and shall be reimbursed for all actual and necessary traveling expenses when duly certified to by the State Superintendent.

Section 4. Section 5884 of the Statutes of 1893 (the same being Section 7962 of Snyder's Compiled Laws) is hereby repealed.

Passed by the Senate March 8, 1911.

J. ELMER THOMAS,
President Pro Tempore of the Senate.

Passed by the House of Representatives March 11, 1911.

W. A. DURANT,
Speaker of the House of Representatives.

Approved March 22nd, 1911.

LEE CRUCE,
Governor of the State of Oklahoma.

Correctly enrolled.

R. P. WYNNE.

ENROLLED.

House Bill No. 462.

By Williams (of Comanche.)

AN ACT

To Provide for the Transportation of Pupils in Consolidated

School Districts, and Repealing all Acts in Conflict Herewith.

Be it Enacted by the People of the State of Oklahoma:

Section 1. Section 4 of Article 1, Chapter 33, Laws of Oklahoma, is hereby amended to read as follows:

Section 4. The powers and duties of the District Board herein provided and of its several officers shall be the same as those provided by law for school district boards and their several officers, and in addition, it shall be the duty of said District Board to provide transportation to and from school for all pupils living one and one-half miles or more therefrom, in suitable vehicles of ample size, with comfortable seats arranged to conform to the sizes of the pupils to be carried with an adjustable cover for the comfort and protection of the pupils, drawn by stout, gentle teams and driven by persons of good moral character, who shall have control of said pupils during their transportation; provided, however, that when a majority of the voters voting at a special meeting called by proper notices as provided in law shall vote to do away with the transportation by the district, then transportation shall not be mandatory.

Section 2. All acts and parts of acts in conflict herewith be, and the same are hereby repealed.

Passed the House of Representatives March 1, 1911.

W. A. DURANT,
Speaker of the House of Representatives.

Passed the Senate March 11, 1911.

J. ELMER THOMAS,
President of the Senate.

Approved March 22, 1911.

LEE CRUCE,
Governor of the State of Oklahoma.

W. H. NEW,
Chairman Committee on Enrollment.

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